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In re Patent Application of:  
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Group Art Unit: 3732

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For: BONE FIXATION ASSEMBLY AND  
METHOD

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-31, drawn to a device, classified in class 606, subclass 61.

II. Claims 32-38, drawn to a method, classified in class 606, subclass 60.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-31. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

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In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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